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Message from the Mayor

I invite all District citizens to join me on Tuesday, March 5 for the 2002 State of the District address.

The theme of the address is "One City, One Future." 2001 was a tumultuous and difficult year – but it was one also marked by continuing progress across the city. I plan to discuss our accomplishments over the past year, as well as our unifying vision for the future.

The address will take place at Ward 5's historic Dunbar Senior High School, at 1301 New Jersey Avenue, NW. The doors will open at 6 pm, and the event will begin at 6:30 pm. Some limited parking will be available.

For those who cannot come in person, you may watch the speech live on Cable Channel 16, or over the Internet at www.octt.dc.gov/services/on_demand_video/channel_16.asp.

For more information, contact the Office of Community Outreach at 442-8150.



District Addresses Problems in the Towing Industry

For the first time in 37 years, the District is updating its towing regulations. The new regulations will serve to protect the public from unscrupulous tow truck owners and operators, provide tighter controls over the industry and grant greater enforcement powers to towing inspectors and police officers as well as stiffer sanctions for those who break the law.

Towing companies and tow truck operators will need to be licensed. They will also be required to provide the Department of Public Works with information about towed vehicles so car owners and insurance companies can locate the vehicles. Towing companies will receive a towing control number prior to towing a vehicle, which will be used to track the vehicle. The new regulations also set maximum fees that may be charged for towing services.

The District also has launched a new initiative to crack down on illegal auto repairs in the city. Residents are encouraged to report illegal auto repair activity in their neighborhoods by calling the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs' Office of Compliance and Enforcement at (202) 442-8475.

Cafritz Awards Will Recognize Outstanding District Employees

Scripture tells us in Mark 10:44, "Whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all."

The 3rd annual Morris & Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation Awards for Distinguished DC Government Employees will reward five of the best public servants in District government.

Anyone may nominate a government employee who has made life better for citizens. Winners don't have to be high-profile - they simply have to demonstrate excellence in one of five criteria:

- Solving an extraordinary problem or achieving a significantly difficult goal
- Performing an outstanding act that brought positive recognition to the city
- Successfully initiating and implementing an innovative idea
- Consistently going "above and beyond the call of duty"
- Demonstrating outstanding and inspirational leadership that improved motivation and team spirit

Nomination forms are available at www.dcagenda.org and at many District government agencies and public libraries. The deadline for nominations is April 2. For more information, call DC Agenda at (202) 223-2598.



AGENCY WEBSITES

Office of Tax and Revenue

Department of Parks and Recreation

Department of Employment Services

Metropolitan Police Department

Office of Boards and Commissions

Commission on the Arts and Humanities

Advisory Neighborhood Commission

Community Spotlight

A COMMITTED VOLUNTEER

According to Vincent Spaulding, the District's Clean City Coordinator, there would be no web site for his office if not for Kathy Chamberlain.

Although Kathy has a full-time job at the U.S. Census Bureau, she spends hours each week making sure that information about the District's efforts to clean up and maintain the city is available via the web. As the volunteer webmaster for the Clean City web site (www.cleancity.dc.gov), Kathy ensures that the latest information is posted in a timely fashion.



KATHY CHAMBERLAIN

Kathy's volunteer efforts don't stop there, however. She is also an ANC Commissioner for ANC7B and covers public works and transportation issues for the commission, in addition to serving as the commission's secretary. She is webmaster for the web sites for ANC7B (www.pressroom.com/~anc7b) and the Hillcrest Community Civic Association (www.hillcrestdc.com).

Kathy is also in charge of maintaining three community gardens – Twinning Park, Fire Station #19, and the Fort Baker Garden at Fort Baker Drive and W Street. On weekday mornings, Kathy joins Vince Spaulding and others picking up trash and removing illegal posters in the neighborhood.

Kathy has lived in the District for 35 years. Vince Spaulding calls Kathy a “champion for a clean and beautiful city.” Thanks, Kathy, for your efforts to make our city a cleaner and better place to live, work, and raise a family.

District Activities



Mayor joins Martin Sheen and John Spencer proclaiming February 24 “The West Wing Day.”



Mayor Williams speaks during the installation of the Mayor's Interfaith Council at Metropolitan Baptist Church.



The District recently announced the lowest infant mortality rate in the city's history.



Students from Eastern High School shadow the Mayor during “Groundhog Job Shadow Day.”



LINK TO OTHER WEBSITES

[DC Agenda](#)

[Hands on DC](#)

[DC Convention and Tourism](#)

[DC Public Library](#)



High School Students Get Insider's View of District Operations

On February 19, District students from Eastern Senior High School joined 1 million students from around the country in Job Shadow Day.

Students shadowed high-level District officials across our government including the Chief of Staff and the Deputy Mayors for Public Safety and for Children and Families. Two Eastern students accompanied me to meetings, news conferences and events around the city as well.

Through job shadowing, students have the opportunity to see what their education can help them achieve. At the end of the day, Eastern student Melissa Wingfield said: "I love the fact that you interact with Congress. I love getting into programs that make a difference."

I hope that this spirit of mentoring can continue in the District throughout the year.

Community News

- [Mayor Appoints New Senior Advisor for Religious Affairs](#)
- [Mayor Declares "The West Wing Day" in the District](#)
- [Mayor Announces Latino Community Education Grant Awardness](#)

[Click here](#) to view releases.

Upcoming Events

03/01	Site Tour Public Reservation 13 (DC General Hospital and the DC Jail) Massachusetts, 19th, and Potomac Avenues, SE 5:00 - 7:00 pm
03/02	Hands-on Planning Eastern Senior High School 1700 E. Capitol Street, NE Opening: Existing conditions, constraints, and opportunities 9:00 am - 11:00 am Citizen Planners: Putting the pieces together - Round I 11:00 am - 12:30 pm Citizen Planners: Putting the pieces together - Round II 1:30 am - 3:00 pm Topic Area Report Out 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
03/03	Rough Draft Master Plan Eastern Senior High School 1700 E. Capitol Street, NE Consultant Working Session Open to the public 9:00 am - 1:00 pm Presentation of Draft Master Plan and Discussion 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
03/05	Mayor's State of the District Address Dunbar High School 1301 New Jersey Avenue, NW 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
03/14	Ward 5 Senior Town Hall Lunch Meeting Theodore Hagans Cultural Center 3201 Ft. Lincoln Drive, NE 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

[Click here](#) to view Mayor's daily schedule.